

Ewing Schools Immediate Release: Elementary Schools Educational Program Change Memo Wednesday, October 14th

Note: The following correspondence pertains to elementary school students switching their educational programming. At this time, we are only implementing this process at the elementary level. The process will begin at the secondary (FMS/EHS) level on November 18th.

Dear Elementary School Parents,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we opened up the school year during this public health crisis in accordance with our “Return to School” plan.

As you know, we currently have two educational programs in place for students in our schools: a fully remote Virtual Learning Program and an “in-person” approach.

As was detailed in our correspondences over the summer, we are providing our elementary school students the opportunity to switch from one program to the other as we begin the 2nd Marking Period. It is then expected that students will remain in their placement for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. We will obviously continue to monitor the public health developments and Department of Education guidelines and make any changes in our instructional programming that we believe to be appropriate.

The “Educational Program Registration Request Change Form” will be available for our elementary school families through our Genesis Parent Access portal from **October 16th– 23rd**.

Only complete the Genesis registration form if you want to change your child’s learning program. You do not need to complete the registration form if you wish for your child to remain in their current program.

Providing a safe “in person” learning environment aligned with state guidelines is our priority. It is also a delicate balancing act with class size and teacher availability. Therefore, each school will need time to review requests and determine classroom rosters for the second quarter. Please give us time to evaluate all requests and provide an assignment. We will strive to implement the new student assignment as close to the start of the second marking period as possible, but please be patient. Students will remain in their current educational program until their new assignment is determined and put in place.

Since the elementary schools have dedicated “in person” and virtual homeroom teachers, a program change *will* result in assigning the student a *new* homeroom teacher.

If you have further questions about this process, please contact your child’s building principal.

Thank you.

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